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Disposition of Claims 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-5,7-31 and 33-78 is/are pending 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withd 5) ☐ Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-5,7-31 and 33-78 is/are rejected. 7) ☐ Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) ☐ Claim(s) are subject to restriction and	Irawn from consideration.		
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DETAILED ACTION

Double Patenting

1. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970);and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

2. Claims 1-5,7-31,33-78 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-23 of U.S. Patent No. 6,029,660. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the difference between application claim 1 and patent claim 1 lies in the fact that patent claim 1 includes more elements and is thus more specific (e.g. a first amplifier, a differentiating filter, a linear drive means, a second amplifier, a first control system). Thus the invention of patent claim 1 is in effect a "species" of the "generic" invention of application claim 1. It has been held that the generic invention is "anticipated" by the "species". See In re Goodman, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993). Since application claim 1 is anticipated by patent claim 1, it is not patentably distinct from patent claim 1.

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The difference between application claim 27 and patent claim 13 lies in the fact that patent claim 13 includes more elements and thus more specific (e.g. amplifying the first input signal, differentiating the first input signal, amplifying the fourth input signal, inputting the second, third, fourth, fifth signals and a predetermined sixth input signal). Thus the invention of patent claim 13 is in effect a "species" of the "generic" invention of application claim 27. It has been held that the generic invention is "anticipated" by the "species". See In re Goodman, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993). Since application claim 27 is anticipated by patent claim 13, it is not patentably distinct from patent claim 13.

The difference between application claim 50 and patent claim 1 lies in the fact that patent claim 1 includes more elements and is thus more specific (e.g. a first amplifier, a differentiating filter, a linear drive means, a second amplifier, a first control system). Thus the invention of patent claim 1 is in effect a "species" of the "generic" invention of application claim 50. It has been held that the generic invention is "anticipated" by the "species". See In re Goodman, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993). Since application claim 50 is anticipated by patent claim 1, it is not patentably distinct from patent claim 1.

The difference between application claim 74 and patent claim 1 lies in the fact that patent claim 1 includes more elements and is thus more specific (e.g. a first amplifier, a differentiating filter, a linear drive means, a second amplifier, a first control system).

Thus the invention of patent claim 1 is in effect a "species" of the "generic" invention of application claim 74. It has been held that the generic invention is "anticipated" by the

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"species". See In re Goodman, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993). Since application claim 74 is anticipated by patent claim 1, it is not patentably distinct from patent claim 1.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The balance of the art is cited to show relevant substance delivery devices.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AARON J. LEWIS whose telephone number is (571) 272-4795. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30AM-6:00PM M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, HENRY A. BENNETT can be reached on (571) 272-4791. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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